

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. Claims 7, 8, 13, 17-19, 21-28, 30-32, 34-37, and 40 have been amended. New claim 42 has been added. Support for new claim 42 can be found in original claim 25 as well as in the specification.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the claims in the present application under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1-37, drawn to a label comprising (A) a polymer face stock having an upper surface and a lower surface; and (B) an adhesive layer derived from at least one two-part, high solids curable adhesive overlying the lower surface of the polymer face stock, classified in class 428, subclass 343+.

Group II. Claims 38-41, drawn to a labeling process comprising the steps of (A) proving a substrate; (B) coating two-part, high solids curable adhesive to one surface or a polymeric face stock; and (C) applying the adhesive coated surface of the polymeric face stock to the substrate, classified in class 156, subclass various.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement. In particular, Applicant submits that the claims of Groups I and II can be and should be examined at the same time. Because the claims are drawn to a label and a method of applying the label to a substrate, examining all of the claims in a single application would not constitute a serious burden.

In order for this reply to the restriction requirement to be complete, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-37, with traverse. It is believed that new claim 42 will fall within Group I and is therefore included in the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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